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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I feel very fortunate to have Sonic as an internet provider in my neighborhood. Years ago I decided I would never again be a Comcast customer. ATT is slow and expensive with horrible customer service. We should be encouraging third options wherever possible if we're to follow a market approach to internet access. Otherwise, provide internet access through a publicly owned utility. Solidifying Comcast and ATTs grip on internet access is the worst possible situation.

I just returned from the Vietnamese countryside, with internet speeds 3x those of downtown Berkeley at much lower cost. That Comcast/ATT continue to prosper despite such poor service and high costs is a clear example of our corrupt government. Please make decisions to the benefit of competition in broadband services.

Thank you,

Christopher Proud